## **NEWS RELEASE**



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# An Important Notice from Delaware's Chief Information Officer, Thomas Jarrett

We want to alert you to another PHISHING site that is appearing on the state's <u>network</u>. Phishing is a term used in the technology area to describe the creation of emails/websites that look like they come from legitimate organizations and sources, but actually are sites created to try to secure personal information from unsuspecting users. The creators of these sites are trying to get people to disclose personal information like bank account, credit card and social security numbers so that they may be gathered to be used for unlawful purposes or to be sold to others for unlawful use.

Below is an example of a very well constructed PHISHING site that I and others personally received via email. It appears to be a legitimate site for a bank, however, it is not. We send this to you to illustrate how clever and creative these illegal sites are becoming and to caution you to never provide any private information to a website without verifying that it is in fact legitimate. If you have any questions regarding a site's legitimacy, do not provide your information and do not hesitate to call the organization or the Attorney General's office! A legitimate organization will never object to a customer seeking clarification.

### Chevy Chase Bank - Unauthorized charge to your credit card

Dear Chevy Chase Bank customer. Please read this message and follow it's instructions.

#### **Unauthorized Account Access**

We recently reviewed your account, and we suspect an unauthorized ATM based transaction on your account. Therefore as a preventive measure we have temporary limited your access to sensitive Chevy Chase Bank features.

To ensure that your account is not compromised please login to Chevy Chase Online Banking and Investing by clicking this <u>link</u>, verify your identify and your online accounts will be reactivated by our system.

To get started, please click the link below:

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#### Important information from Chevy Chase Bank.

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